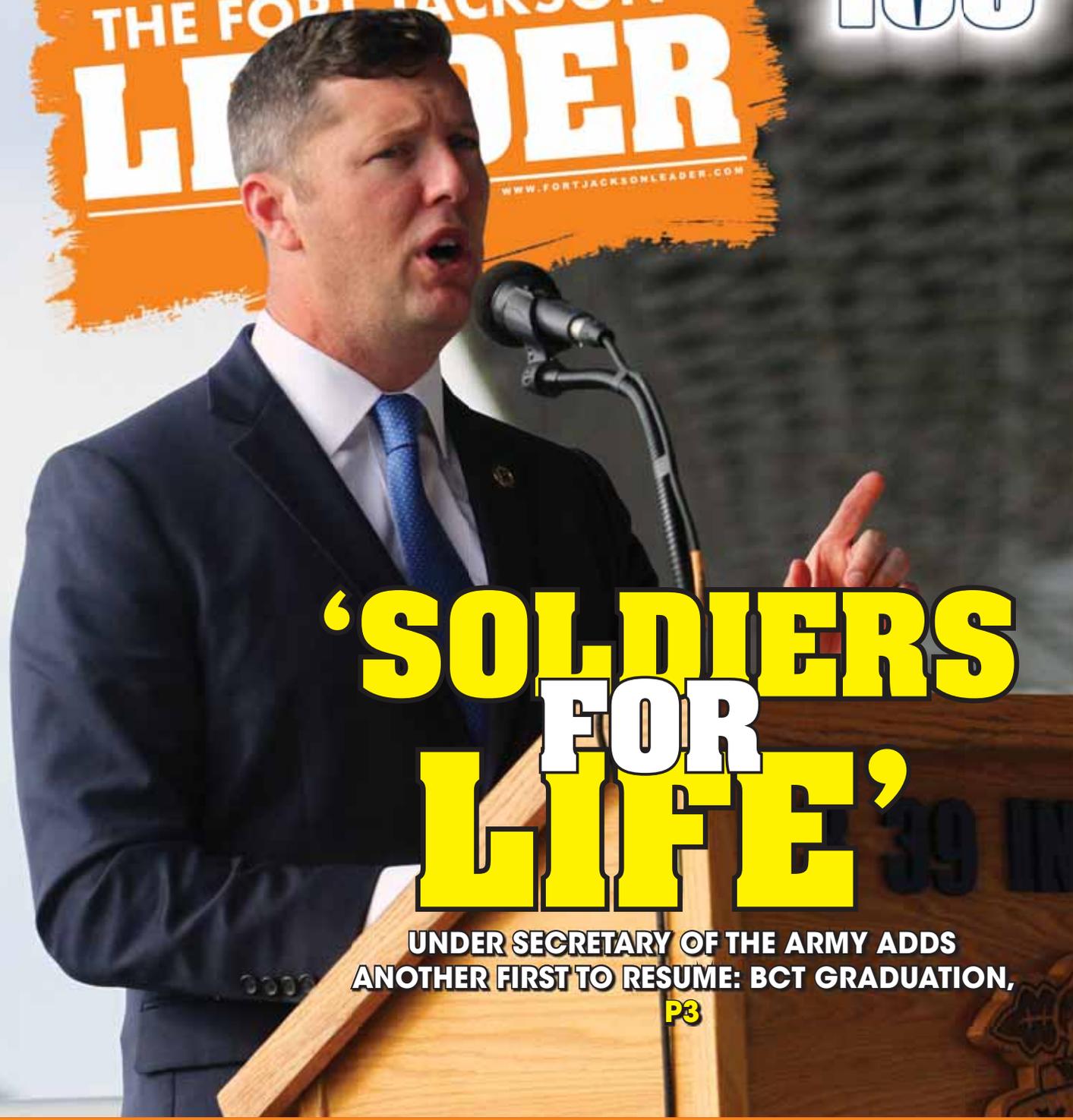


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Patrick Murphy, the Under Secretary of the Army, addresses the audience during the basic training graduation ceremony at Hilton Field on Fort Jackson Sept. 29. **SEE PAGE 3.**

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Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207

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TODAY

Post Newcomer Orientation

8 a.m., NCO Club. This is mandatory for all Soldiers arriving to Fort Jackson and will include attendance at BCT Graduation which is held outdoors (depending on the weather). All newly arriving civilian employees are invited to attend. Soldiers who bring their spouses will get a three day pass through their chain of command. A 50 percent off meal coupon for the NCO Club will be provided to all attendees. Additional information may be obtained by calling ACS at 751-1124/9770/5256 and asking for Miranda Broadus.

OCT. 11

Are you Job Ready??

9 a.m.–noon, resume writing and interviewing skills workshop, Strom Thurmond Bldg., Room 222. This workshop is designed to provide you with tools and knowledge useful in building your resume and improving your interviewing skills. Workshop is conducted by BlueCross BlueShield Human Resources Department. Targeted to military spouses, but open to all military and DOD ID Card Holders. To register, call 751-9460/5256 or email sherry.r.major.civ@mail.mil

OCT. 14

University of South Carolina Fort Jackson Open House

11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Room B-205, Fort Jackson Education Center (4600 Strom Thurmond Blvd). The Fort Jackson community will have an opportunity to learn about the University of South Carolina's on-post programs, ask questions about admissions, financial aid, veterans benefits, Federal Tuition Assistance, meet with faculty, former and current students, enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Targeted to active duty and their spouses, DOD civilians, veterans, National Guardsmen and reservists. For more information, call 803-782-8810, or email uscfortjackson@sc.edu.

OCT. 18

Helping Hand Awards

4 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center. USAG and Fort Jackson will host the 4th QTR CG Helping Hand award presentation. Award nomination deadline is tomorrow. Hand carry nomination to Marilyn Bailey, AVCC, Bldg 4512, Stuart St., Room 106 or email Marilynn.s.Bailey.civ@mail.mil.

SEND ALL

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Deadline for events to be included in the calendar or Happenings is one week before publication. Include the time, date and place the event will occur, as well as other necessary information.

If you submit an article on an event that already has taken place, please send it as soon as possible. Tuesday is the last day we will be able to accept an article for publication the following Thursday. Include the date and place of the event, as well as a description of what took place. Please include quotations, if possible. With any photo you submit, include IDs — rank, unit, and first and last names.

Questions? Call 751-7045.

HURRICANE MATTHEW

Due to the unpredictable nature of Hurricane Matthew, Richland School Districts I and II, along with Fort Jackson Schools, will be closed through Friday. The rest of Fort Jackson will remain open under normal operating hours.





Photos by NICHOLAS SALCIDO

Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy, tours the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) area with Fort Jackson commander, Maj. Gen. John 'Pete' Johnson, left, and Lt. Col. Yvette Brown, 120th commander, Sept. 29. During Murphy's visit to Fort Jackson, he did physical training with a basic training company, witnessed a graduation, met with drill sergeant candidates and toured the 120th.

'Soldiers for life'



Staff Sgt. Nathan Teasley, a drill sergeant with 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, salutes during the pass and review element of the battalion's graduation ceremony Sept. 29 at Hilton Field on post. Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy attended and spoke at the ceremony.

Murphy adds another first to resume: BCT graduation

By **ROBERT TIMMONS**
Fort Jackson Leader

For Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy Sept. 29 was another first in his long Army career – he witnessed his first Basic Combat Training graduation at Fort Jackson's Hilton Field.

"This is the first graduation I have been a part of and that made it very special for me to be here to see 641 young Americans, these men and women ... who will now serve during a time of war," said Murphy, who was Acting Secretary of the Army from Jan. 4, 2016 to May 18, 2016.

"I could not help but think back to when I was a green troop, when I was 19 years of age," he said. In 2007, Murphy became the first Iraq War veteran to be elected to Congress. While in the Army he deployed to Bosnia in 2002, and to Iraq in 2003-2004. He led a Brigade Operational Law Team with the 82nd Airborne Division in south central Baghdad where he oversaw the justice system for 1.5 million Iraqis, and prosecuted two high-level terrorists in

Iraq's highest court.

"I knew my drill sergeants and I was graduating and I pretty much didn't try to get in trouble and I was walking those steps doing drill and ceremony," he added. "But little would I know that I would be a professor at West Point 10 years later, or that I would be a U.S. Congressman, or that I now would be the Under Secretary of the Army. Who knows what paths these young Americans will go on, but they will be destined to do great things for their nation."

Murphy got up at "Oh-dark-thirty" that morning to do physical training with the Soldiers of Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, who are in their second week of training, before watching Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment march along Hilton Field during their graduation. He also had breakfast with drill sergeant candidates from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy and visited the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception).



Photo by WALLACE McBRIDE

Several Vietnam-era hand grenades are destroyed Friday afternoon at a construction site on Fort Jackson near Hampton Parkway. The grenades were recently uncovered at the site, their origins unknown.

Up in smoke

Post performs controlled detonation

By **DEMETRIA MOSLEY**
Fort Jackson Leader

An alarm sounds off throughout a Fort Jackson construction site alerting crew members that in just 60 seconds the area would erupt in explosion.

A man shout outs ‘Fire in the hole, fire in the hole!’ Afterwards white smoke scatters in the sky right above the fenced off enclosure on Hampton Parkway.

In just a couple of months, this location will house hundreds of initial entry Soldiers attending Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson’s newest battalion, but up into now, unknowingly to anyone on post, this site has been serving as a hidden home to a Vietnam-era weapon; the white phosphorus hand grenade.

“We’re really not sure how the grenades ended up in this location,” said Eric Jones, project manager for the construction site. “We have some theories, but nothing is for sure.”

A controlled detonation took place Sept. 29 on Fort Jackson to remove the grenades from the grounds of the construction area. Jones said he expects more of these weapons will be discovered as construction progresses.

“We have 11 acres of land to work on and who’s to know what we’ll dig up as we keep working,” he said.



Courtesy photo

‘I’ve worked on many military sites, but have never ran into this,’ said Eric Jones, manager of a construction project located off Hampton Parkway. His crew recently uncovered several Vietnam-era white phosphorus hand grenades buried in sand at the location, above.

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Fort Jackson Movie Schedule

3319 Jackson Blvd. Phone: 751-7488

FRIDAY

Sully (PG13) 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Pete’s Dragon (PG) 1 p.m.
Sully (PG13) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Pete’s Dragon (PG) 1 p.m.
Sully (PG-13) 5 p.m.

TICKETS

Adult: \$6
Child (6 to 11): \$4

3-D TICKETS

Adult: \$8 Child (6 to 11): \$6

● Ticket sales open 30 minutes before each movie.

● Movie times and schedule are subject to change without notice.

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■ Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.

GATE 2

■ Open around the clock daily.

GATE 4

■ Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.

GATE 5

■ Open 5-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for inbound and outbound traffic.

■ Closed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Reopened 4-6 p.m. for outbound traffic only.

■ Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



The Fort Jackson Officers' Club Presents
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 3 events in 1! So much fun, it's scary!
 Adults: \$8 Little Monsters: \$5 (ages 4-11)
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 Decorate your trunk & pass out candy. 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes awarded for best trunks

Ghouls' Night Out
 (Adults only, please)
 5 - 7 p.m.
Ballroom
 Prizes for best costumes

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS

FALL SPECIAL
AT VICTORY BINGO
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BINGO

Sunday, Oct 16

- » Doors open at 9:30 am
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- » Fun Games are Table Games

For more info, call (803)751-3411.

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At the Solomon Center
Saturday, Oct 15 (7 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Please call 751-4056 or 751-4058 to register for a space. Space includes two banquet tables and two chairs. This is a free event, open to all DoD ID Cardholders.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS

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- » Friday: End of the week social with House Liquor for only \$1.50!
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Family and MWR and ACS present the 2nd Annual
Indoor Ride for a Loved One

A Stop Domestic Violence Bike-a-thon
 Saturday, Oct 22 (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
 At the Solomon Center in the Special Events Area.

Featuring information booths, door prizes, refreshments and more!
 Sit-n-spin against domestic violence!

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 For more info, call Kristen at 803-751-5589.

FOR SOLDIERS FOR FAMILIES FOR RETIRES FOR CIVILIANS

Guard conducts Leader's Call

By **CAPT. BRIAN HARE**
South Carolina National Guard

The Adjutant General for South Carolina directs the South Carolina National Guard to be a community-based, ready, relevant, resilient, and responsible organization, with a mission focused on generating combat-ready units able to conduct state and federal operations, conducting military operations in response to state emergencies, and providing staff support to the Governor for contingency operations.

In support of U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston, Jr.'s directives and the SCNG mission, approximately 300 leaders from across the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard assembled at the Soldier Support Institute on Fort Jackson to attend the TAG Leader's Call 16 in Columbia, South Carolina, Sept 24-25.

The annual Leader's Call is a forum for South Carolina National Guard leaders to share successes and challenges, communicate concerns and issues, and provide clear feedback to South Carolina National Guard senior leadership.

The leaders in attendance at the forum included command teams from the Major Subordinate Commands, directorates, and training sites of the South Carolina Army National Guard, specifically commanders, command sergeants major, first sergeants, and warrant officers, as well as their peers and counterparts from the South Carolina Air National Guard.

Livingston opened this year's event by thanking the attendees for their combined efforts over the past fiscal year, including the South Carolina National Guard's support provided to the response and recovery operations during the historic flooding that occurred in South Carolina in October 2015, as well as the many overseas and in-country deployments that SCNG units have been supporting.

"It was a tremendous year last year," said Livingston. "A lot of hard work, a lot of good things have happened to the Guard as a whole, to South Carolina and to the people of South Carolina, and I want to thank you for that."

Livingston discussed some of the strategic initiatives for the organization during the coming year and beyond, to include the areas of air defense, cyber, aviation, the continued development of in-state training sites, and the expansion of international engagements, such as the State Partnership Program with Colombia, among others.

He also spoke on the organizations efforts with family support programs and addressing veterans' issues during the previous year, before issuing challenges and goals to be met by company-level commanders over the coming year.

Following the opening remarks by Livingston and a briefing on the South Carolina Air National Guard presented by U.S. Air Force Col. Nicholas Gentile, 169th Fighter Wing commander, participants attended breakout sessions for discussions, work groups, and briefings by leaders and representatives of various directorates and staff sections of the SCNG, including the Facilities Management Office, the Recruiting and Retention Command, and the Judge Advocate General office, among others.

One of the highlights of this yearly event is the recognition of the top performing company-level units in the South Carolina Army National Guard MSCs, based on the evaluating criteria of a total percentage of operational availability, the reenlistment success rate of the unit, and the overall status within the unit with the Army Physical Fitness Test.

The four units recognized as the top performing within the past fiscal year, listed by order of overall performance, were Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 178th Field Artillery



Photo By **CAPT. BRIAN HARE**

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston, Jr., Adjutant General for South Carolina, offers congratulations to the top performing South Carolina Army National Guard company-level commanders and first sergeants of 2016 at the conclusion of the TAG Leader's Call 16 at the Soldier Support Institute on Fort Jackson, Sept. 24-25.

Regiment, 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command; 131st Military Police Company, 51st Military Police Battalion, 59th Troop Command; Alpha Company, 351st Aviation Support Battalion, 59th Aviation Troop Command; and 111th Signal Company, 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

After meeting for a discussion with U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Brad Owens, director of Joint Staff for the South Carolina National Guard, the commanders and first sergeants of the recognized units were allowed to share their experiences and success stories with the entire audience during a lessons learned town hall proctored by Owens.

"After meeting with these leaders, the future looks bright for the Guard," said Owens. "Leadership doesn't change throughout the years, but you're going to hear some techniques and antidotes that you can apply."

U.S. Army Capt. Teon Singletary, Alpha Battery 1-178th FA commander, offered that one of his first actions as a new commander of his unit was to not only talk in-depth with the first sergeant and outgoing commander, but to also go back and study all of the After Action Reviews on file, as a means of determining the current status of the unit in terms of trends and morale.

Singletary relayed that he made it clear to the platoon leaders and non-commissioned officers in his command that he was not in his position to micromanage, but to provide his philosophy and guidance and to mentor and coach as needed.

First Sgt. Christopher Jiles, also of Alpha Battery 1-178th FA, said that most of his Soldiers wanted responsibility.

"As long as they've got responsibility and a sense of

purpose while at drill, they'll be motivated and will stay engaged," added Jiles.

Jiles relayed that his unit helped overcome the challenges of recruiting within a rural area by developing recruiting teams within his unit, made up of two to five traditional drilling Soldiers. These teams attend local events to increase the visibility of the unit within the community.

1st Lt. Katherine Weatherly, 131st MP Co. commander, emphasized personal accountability to the Soldiers within her unit, in areas such as physical fitness, medical readiness, and timeliness.

"We either succeed or fail as one team," said Weatherly. "If there's one person not meeting the standard, then the whole company is going to feel it."

Common themes throughout the town hall included having a clear commander's intent, empowering NCOs and enlisted Soldiers, diversifying training events and unit activities, offering an enhanced physical training program, keeping Soldiers engaged to maintain good morale, and recognizing that units are motivated by realistic, real-world training.

Livingston presented his commander's coin to each of the top performing commanders and first sergeants in attendance at the conclusion of the Leader's Call, as well as an outstanding unit certificate for each unit and a streamer for the guidon of Alpha Battery, 1-178th FA as the recognized top-performing unit.

"It's those men and women who are willing to sacrifice every day, that's what makes our country great," said Livingston. "This National Guard that we're so proud to be a part of is special. Men and women come into our ranks wanting to do good, and you give them that ability."



Photos by ROBERT TIMMONS

Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge C. Escobedo, commandant of the Non-commissioned Officer Academy on post, speaks during the Fort Jackson Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon at the NCO Club Sept. 30.

Post kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

Every year the United States honors the heritage of Hispanic Americans from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Fort Jackson celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a luncheon Sept. 30 at the NCO Club on post.

We are “here to highlight an important part of the rich diversity” that makes the country strong, Sgt. Jeanette Arroyo, with the Soldier Support Institute, read from Pres. Barack Obama’s Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.

Hispanics have positively affected American culture through food, music, science and engineering, she read.

Attendees, including Fort Jackson’s commander, Maj. Gen. John “Pete” Johnson, were treated to a serenade by the Palmetto Latin Five Orchestra, Hispanic food, and a keynote speech by Command Sgt. Maj. Jorge C. Escobedo, the Non-commissioned Officer Academy commandant.

“On behalf of Hispanic American Soldiers it is truly a privilege to be here today as the U.S. Army recognizes the values and contributions of American Soldiers



A “Day of the Dead” skeleton doll was on display during the Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon at the NCO Club Sept. 30.

from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America,” Escobedo said during his keynote address. “The fact is that over the history of the United

States, Hispanic Americans have not hesitated to defend and give their lives to this great nation in many ways – but especially through military service, more important-

ly the U.S. Army.”

Hispanic Americans have served in every American conflict since the Civil War, he added. In World War II roughly 400,000 to 500,000 Hispanic Americans served in the Armed Forces.

“They would do so as a combat multiplier, clearly reflected in Gen. Douglas MacArthur’s comments about the Army National Guard’s 168th Infantry Regiment, the Bushmasters, who had one of the greatest combat teams ever deployed for battle,” Escobedo said.

Escobedo said he was born in Mexico City and came to America when he was 16 years old and became a “part of this proud institution” in March 1994 when he first enlisted in the Army. Escobedo has spent “27 years as a proud citizen of this tremendous nation – the United States of America.”

“There is not a better institution than the United States Army,” he added. “An institution that is committed to its people, to their development, and an organization committed to equality.”

For more information about how Hispanic Americans are serving in the Army visit: https://www.army.mil/hispanics/?from=hp_spotlight.



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Sun.....1300-2000
Hol.....Closed

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Mon-Thu.....1430-2100
Fri.....1430-2200
Sat.....1300-2200
Sun.....1400-1800

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Bogey's Snack Bar, 751-6367

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Lunch.....1100-1500
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Gyms

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Coleman Gym, 751-5896

4482 Johnson St.
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Sat.....0600-1400
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Sat.....Closed
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Sat.....1300-2000
Sun.....1200-1700

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Aachen Rifle Range

Sat.....0800-1500

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Mon, Tue.....Closed
Wed, Thur.....1000-2000*
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Sat.....0800-1100
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Fun Games Begin.....1000
Early Birds.....1300
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Fun Games Begin.....1600
Early Birds.....1830
Regular Games.....1930
Fri Doors Open.....1600
Fun Games Begin.....1600
Early Birds.....1900
Regular Games.....2000
Sat Doors Open.....1300
Fun Games Begin.....1330
Early Birds.....1600
Regular Games.....1700

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What does the IG do?

Clearing up misconceptions about the Inspector General

By **LT. COL JOHN GAGAN**
Fort Jackson Inspector General's Office

In an effort to build rapport and maintain transparency surrounding inspector general operations, it is important that we connect with our constituency, and provide an overview of who we are and what we do for the U.S. Army Training Center. Additionally, it's important to talk about trends and issues, so together we are proactive in addressing issues before they become problems.

While conducting routine observations, we realize many Soldiers don't know what the IG does or how we can assist them. The IG has the responsibility to report on the discipline, efficiency, economy, morale, training, and readiness of the force. We do this through the four IG functions: inspections, assistance, investigations, and teaching/training. We work directly for the installation commanding general and the Inspector General of the Army. Essentially, we help ensure the Fort Jackson community is happy, and pro-

ductive. The IG Office provides service to over 200,000 Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, retirees, and Family members in the region. Anyone may request assistance from the IG. We look at issues that are of interest to the Army and the command.

I'd also like to dispel some misconceptions about the

IG. We are not some nefarious organization looking for a "gotcha" moment. Quite the opposite. We are fair and impartial fact-finders that help organizations get better through teaching and training. Teaching and training is the most important thing we do. Confidentiality is just like doctor-patient confidentiality, however it can't be guaranteed in certain situations. There are times we do have to release your information, but are required to inform you prior to the disclosure. When you come to us with an issue, your identity is protected and you are not identified by name. Results of inspections are non-attributional and does not identify units or individuals specifically. Inspection results are presented in the aggregate to eliminate

fear of retribution or reprisal.

Finally, as we close the fiscal year, I think it's important to reflect upon problem areas encountered last year in an effort to "get to the left" of them this year. The top three issues at Fort Jackson have consistently been non-support of Family members, dignity and respect problems, and healthy command climates. The solution to these three issues is pretty simple: if you have dependents, take care of them, treat others how you want to be treated, and ensure you are in compliance with regulation and policy.

Lastly, the Fort Jackson IG office would like to take an opportunity to say goodbye to one of our own. Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Finch, who has served as a Fort Jackson IG for two years, has been selected to serve in a nominative position within the Army IG system. Godspeed Sgt. 1st Class Finch, you will be greatly missed.

In closing, we want to say what a privilege it is to serve as your Inspector General team. Our office is staffed with dedicated professionals that are here to help you. Use us early and often and let us be an asset to your organization. Be prepared to receive an answer you might not like, but you can rest assured, the answer you receive has been researched and is grounded on a regulation or policy.

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— **LT. COL JOHN GAGAN**,
inspector general

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'I BECAME A SOLDIER ...' 2ND BATTALION, 39TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

SPC. ARTUR VANCHYNSKY, 32
San Diego

I joined the Army "to change careers, understanding the fact that a military career suits my personality most."

I have liked "the nutritious and healthy food, new sets of physical exercises, and gaining some knowledge and practical skills."

"I am a 74D – Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Specialist."

"My Family is glad that I am doing what suits me the most."

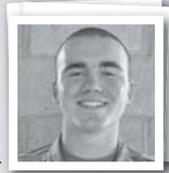


PVT. ANDREW H. FAULK, 18
Monroeville, Alabama

"My father had the most influence in my decision to join the Army. I always had the most respect for the Army and wanted to be a part of such a great organization."

"The Army wasn't exactly what I thought it would be like when I joined. Some aspects are better, some are a lot different."

The most challenging part of basic training "is being away from Family and living with this many people at one time."

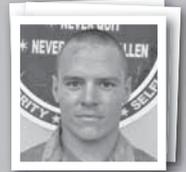


SPC. STEVEN BERRY, 26
Austin, Texas

"I joined the Army because I wanted to travel the world and be a part of dangerous and important missions that would have a positive impact on America."

"Basic Combat Training has already taught me a great deal about the life of a Soldier and what types of obstacles I will have to face in the future."

"I am a "92R – Parachute Rigger. I want to go to airborne school because it is necessary for Special Forces, which is where I will try to go next after (Advanced Individual Training)."



PVT. ABIGAIL BIBB, 19
Sante Fe, New Mexico

"I've seen the positive impact the Army has had on my Family and I wanted to give back to the military because of the way it has helped me."

"Growing up in a military home, I had an idea of what the Army was like, but there were parts of Basic Combat Training that I was not aware of. The physical aspect wasn't too hard, but the emotional parts to strength and determination to push past."

"I look forward to get to my unit and seeing where the Army takes me."



PFC. HANNAH DVORAK, 22
Hayward, Wisconsin

"The greatest influence on my life has been my father, who is a veteran of the U.S. Army, and one of the greatest people I know. I am proud of the fact that I will carry on his legacy, and hope that I will live up to his expectations."

"The most challenging aspect of basic training for me was finding out how to motivate and work with each member of my platoon. However, that was also one of the most rewarding parts of being here at Fort Jackson."



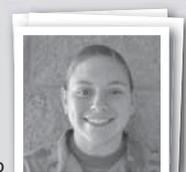
PVT. SHELBY BUFFHAM, 18
Oswego, New York

"It has always been my dream to join the Army since I was little."

"I have learned a lot in basic training and I continue to learn."

"I am a 92Y – Unit Supply Specialist because I like organization."

My Family "supports me with every decision I make. They're proud of me."





Virtual town hall meeting

Nicholas Salcido, Fort Jackson's social media manager, helps Garrison Commander Col. James Ellerson Jr. brows comments on Facebook during Tuesday's virtual town hall meeting. During the event, the community had the opportunity to address Ellerson, as well as other leaders of Fort Jackson, with any of their questions and concerns via Facebook.

Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

The Kimball brothers, Pvt. Alex, left, and his brother, Pfc. Allen, watch as other members of their company go through the Omaha beach range Sept. 29.

Family MATTERS

Two-thirds of triplets train at Fort Jackson

By ROBERT TIMMONS
Fort Jackson Leader

“Kimballs!” the drill sergeant shouted. “Moving, drill sergeant,” echoed a response in stereo from down a trail at the Remagen hand grenade qualification course.

Suddenly two battle buddies appeared moving quickly towards the drill sergeant. In complete combat gear they look like any other set of battle buddies. But, they aren’t the run-of-the-mill Soldiers put together by the Army because their bunks were nearby, they are brothers, actually two-thirds of triplets.

The Kimballs, Pfc. Allen and Pvt. Alex, are currently in the white phase of Basic Combat Training with Fox-trot Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment.

While some believe that twins and triplets should be Xerox copies of each other, Allen and Alex are different. Allen is taller and more outspoken, while Alex is shorter and quieter.

“We’ve been away from home but not this long,” Allen said smiling as the two relaxed after coming off the assault course. “It’s been very interesting being away from home. This is an all new culture with a bunch of people from all over the United States.”

Two-thirds

“For the most part” this is the longest the triplets – or triple-As – as they call themselves, have been apart, Alex said. “There is usually one or two of us together at a time, but being away from the third one is just completely different.”

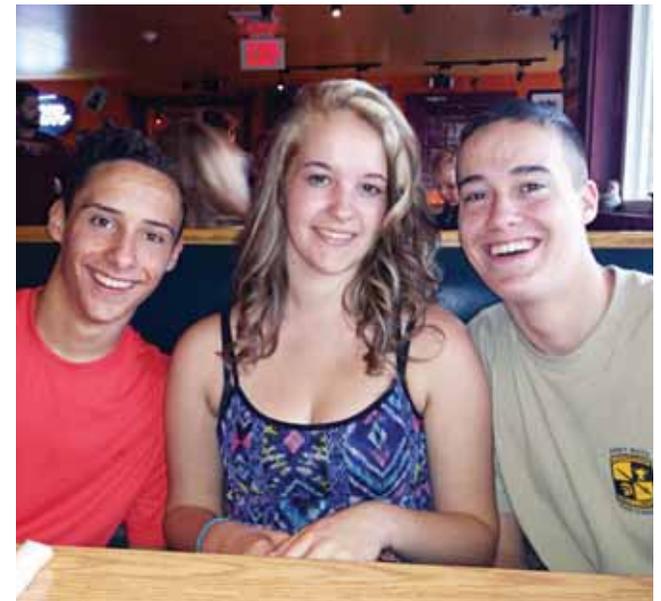
Their sister Allie is in college studying to be a teacher. The 18-year-old siblings grew up in Newport, Maine and joined the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in their high school before joining the National Guard – Allen as an aviation operations specialist, and Alex as an automated logistics specialist.

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I always knew that Allen would do this since he was 5 years old.

— Florence Kimball Robinson, mother

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Courtesy photo

The Kimball triplets pose together for a photo prior to the brothers leaving for basic training. The triplets are from left: Alex, Allie, and Allen.

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Photo by NICHOLAS SALCIDO

Patrick Murphy, the Under Secretary of the Army, right, and Maj. Gen. John 'Pete' Johnson, Fort Jackson commander, and wife Sheila render honors during the basic training graduation ceremony of 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment at Hilton Field on Fort Jackson Sept. 29.

USARCENT hosts Under Secretary of the Army

By **SGT. VICTOR EVERHART JR.**
USARCENT Public Affairs

Patrick Murphy, Under Secretary of the Army, visited with Lt. Gen. Michael Garrett, U.S. Army Central commanding general, and USARCENT senior staff Sept. 30 at Patton Hall located on Shaw Air Force Base.

Murphy was briefed on USARCENT's role in support of conflicts in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan and how the unit's man power and budget reduction may impact the vital interest of the United States in the region.

During the visit, Murphy toured Patton Hall and was taken to the Current Operations Integration Cell, which is the heart-

beat of USARCENT operations in the Middle East and where decisions are made in the multiple operations USARCENT is involved with. Murphy also took time to recognize USARCENT Soldiers for their hard work and dedication.

Murphy leads the management and operation of the Army, which would rank in the top 10 of Fortune 500 companies if it was a public company. His focus is on dynamic and efficient business operations, transforming the Army to be more innovative and responsive, expanding the Soldier for Life initiative, public-private partnerships, and aggressively utilizing social media to tell the Army story to new audiences in a more compelling way.

Murphy

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"When I go to bed tonight I will think about what happened here this morning. Being with those great Americans and seeing them with their Families breaking down and crying, to see how they are becoming better

Americans."

These troops who will be "Soldiers for life, whether they serve for three years or 30 years," and will leave Fort Jackson with "a love of country straight from the heart," he added. He said he would be proud to have his children follow in their footsteps to serve their country.

"I hope my daughter, who's nine, and my son, who's six, follow their ranks and become part of America's varsity team."



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Saluting this BCT cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE. Photos by OITHIP PICKERT, Public Affairs Office.



Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Duching
Alpha Company
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Elijah Murphy

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Artur Vanchynskyy

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Eric Kubicz

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Brian Hernandez



Staff Sgt. Vuthy Ham
Bravo Company
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Holden Russell

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Cielo Oliva

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Chelsea Samatra

HIGH APFT
Pfc. Nathaniel Smith



Staff Sgt. Adan Tagle
Charlie Company
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Ashlee Chastain

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Tiffany Wager

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Bradley Coats

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Ryan Forker



Staff Sgt. Joshua Bishop
Delta Company
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Jacob Palmer

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Joshua McReynolds

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Benjamin Slagowski

HIGH APFT
Pfc. Hannah Dvorak



Staff Sgt. Daniel Dana
Foxtrot Company
2nd Battalion,
39th Infantry Regiment

HONOR GRADUATE OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Tyree Curry

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Jesse Hutchinson

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Cody Wilson

HIGH APFT
Pvt. Clayton Hanai

Virtual Career Library available to job seekers

By **BARBARA MARTIN**
Employment Readiness Program

The Fort Jackson Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program has joined the digital revolution with the addition of the Virtual Career Library to its full range of career guidance and employment services. This innovative career information service is available at no cost to all military personnel, family members, surviving spouses and DOD civilian employees.

The Virtual Career Library features a talking librarian avatar which guides site users through a digital library which includes career and education e-books, digital employment guides, hundreds of career expert videos, school and college finder, virtual career classroom, e-learning courses, virtual job data cards, employer news, and more.

Visitors can get help with exploring careers, job search guidance and education planning by logging on to the Virtual Career Library anytime, anywhere from any device. To get started go the Fort Jackson Employment Readiness Virtual Career Library website at <http://virtualcareerlibrary.com/jackson/>. Click on "First Time Registrants to apply for a username and password.

For more information about the Virtual Career Library or employment resources contact ACS at 751-5452/9046.

Virtual Career Library

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- More than 40 industry career guides
- More than 800 virtual job data cards
- Career expert video interviews
- Career news video clips

Grenade

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The grenades were first discovered in July during the excavation phase of construction. During the excavation, white smoke rose from the area alerting crew members that something was wrong.

"I was actually at another construction site and I could see all the white smoke going up in the air. I thought it was a fire at first," said Jones. "We immediately called Fort Jackson's (Explosive Ordnance Disposal company) and firefighters."

After a surface sweep of the area, Fort Jackson's EOD unit found roughly 55 grenades and safely disposed of them at an approved range on post. White phosphorous grenades are dangerous because they are known for "burning to the bone." White phosphorus will continue to burn until it is completely gone.

Since Fort Jackson's EOD unit is only equipped to handle emergencies, experts from Huntsville Center's Military Munitions Design Center arrived to do a subsurface clearing where they found four more grenades.

"We had to do an air burst," said Tom Meeks, Ordnance and Explosives Safety Specialist from the Design Center. "When white phosphorus is exposed to air it completely blows up. If we blow it up on the ground, it would just stay in the ground and keep exploding which wouldn't be good. This is the best way to deal with it."

The grenades found on the construction site are about 60 years old, according to Jones.

"I've worked on many military sites, but have never ran into this," he said. "There's been training aids, other explosive, shell cases and different inhabitants, but not white phosphorous."

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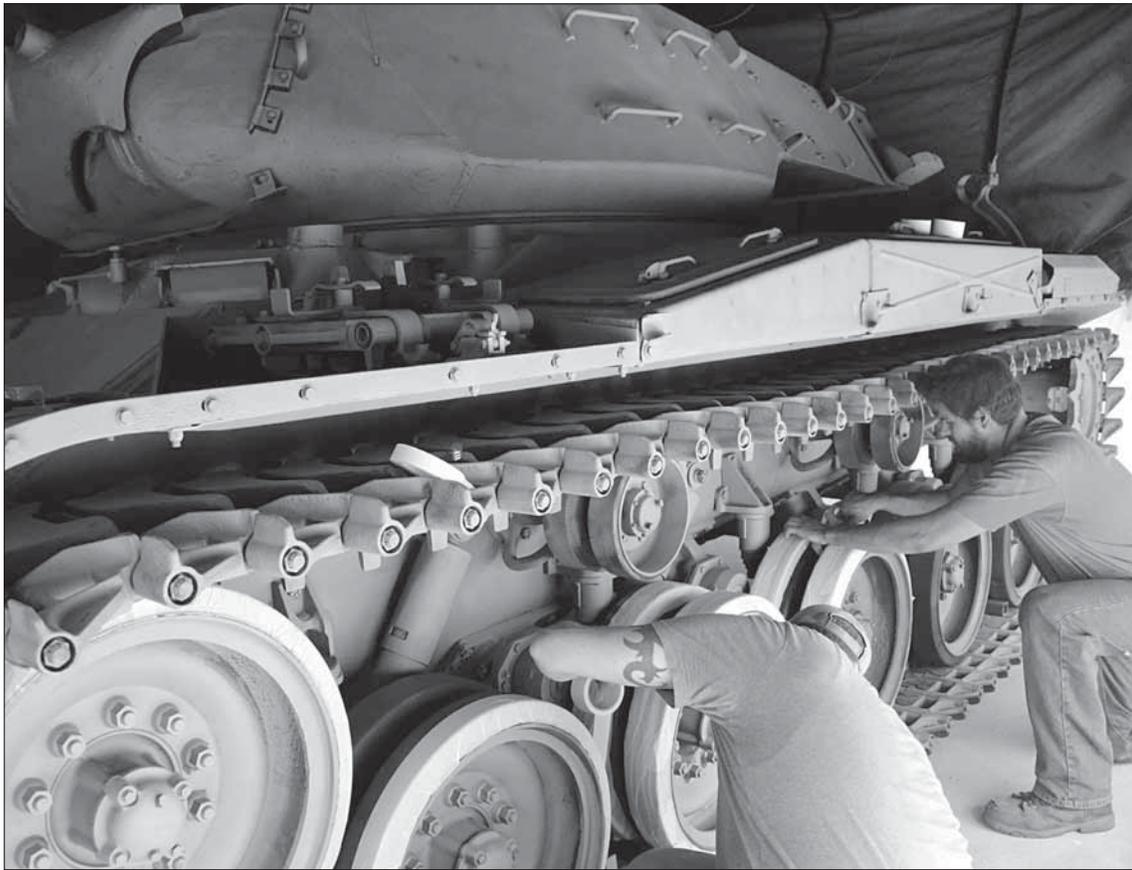


Photo by DEMETRIA MOSLEY

Tanks for the assistance

After spending about 16 hours sandblasting the tank in preparation for painting, Brian Johnson and Dieter Steinborn start taping down the M41A1 Light Tank in front of Fort Jackson's Basic Combat Training Museum Oct. 4 to begin the next process. 'We want to make sure everything that's supposed to stay black stays black when we start putting the paint on,' said Johnson. BCT Museum Collections Manager Julie Fishel said the three tanks located in front of the museum and the helicopter will undergo painting.

BRIEFS

Moncrief Army Health Clinic offers drug take back

Excess prescription and over-the-counter drugs can pose a serious risk in your home. Moncrief Army Health Clinic Pharmacy is helping the Fort Jackson community fight back against the dangers of unneeded, unused and expired drugs by participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at the Fort Jackson Main Post Exchange.

"Proper drug disposal of medication lowers the risk of abuse, accidental ingestion or environmental contamination," said Maj. Jonathan Bartlett, Chief of Pharmacy. "We accept both prescription and over-the-counter drugs, but we can't accept illegal drugs."

The event will be held on Oct. 21 at the Fort Jackson Main Exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Removing personal information from labels is not required, as all medication received is destroyed after receipt.

"Drug Take Back is an important tool in our arsenal to prevent drug abuse," said Capt. Zachary Leftwich, assistant chief of

pharmacy. "I hope that members of the community in Fort Jackson will clean out their medicine cabinets and make their homes safer for their loved ones and themselves."

For more information on the Military Health System's Drug Take Back efforts, visit www.tricare.mil/drugtakeback.

Halloween photos can net shoppers \$5,000 gift card

For many military families, pets are more than just companions – they're family.

Now, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is giving Service members and their families the opportunity to give their furry friends some well-deserved appreciation – and win a \$5,000 Exchange gift card in the process – by entering the Dress Up Your Pet for Halloween Photo Contest.

Through Oct. 31, authorized shoppers can submit a photo of their pet wearing their cutest Halloween costume at shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou. One lucky winner will receive a \$5,000 Exchange gift

card, courtesy of Smokehouse Pet Products, while five runners-up will receive a year's supply of Science Diet pet food, a \$500 value.

The sweepstakes is part of the Exchange's Because of You program, which has expanded in 2016 to celebrate military families as well as honor active-duty troops, allowing the Exchange to express gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

"Through every deployment, TDY or PCS, military pets are there to welcome service members home, support the family members they leave behind and provide a sense of comfort and continuity through the constant change that goes with the military lifestyle," said Retired Army Col. Thomas Ockenfels, the Exchange's Chief of Staff. "Why not treat your furry friend to some recognition this fall, and give yourself the chance to win a treat of your own courtesy of the Exchange and Smokehouse Pet Products?"

The Freedom Challenge is open to shoppers age 18 and older. No purchase is necessary to win.

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Galen Grant

First in drill: First female DSoY set the standard

From **THE LEADER** archives
March 17, 2011

There was a time at Fort Jackson when female drill sergeants could not lead trainees through the bayonet course and perform some of the same duties as their male counterparts.

Galen Grant, a drill sergeant at Fort Jackson in the late 70s and early 80s, remembers those times. In fact, she helped break down those barriers, becoming the post's first female Drill Sergeant of the Year in 1983.

"It was thought that female instructors could not instill the spirit of the bayonet, which was to kill," she said of the training exercise eliminated in 2010. "It was a shock and kind of a slap in the face."

Women were first allowed into the drill sergeant program in 1972 when six non-commissioned officers from the Women's Army Corps were enrolled in the drill sergeant program at Fort Jackson.

Grant, who was assigned to West Point, had 18 months of service when she enrolled in the program in 1977 and was assigned as a drill sergeant to the 2nd Infantry Brigade at Fort Jackson. She served in the 10th and 6th battalions.

"I loved getting up and going in because I never knew what the trainees were going to do next. I had a lot of fun," Grant said. "The really great thing about being a

drill sergeant was every nine weeks you got to see the results of your work."

Back in those days, each company usually had one female drill sergeant. Despite the challenges, Grant excelled at her job. During her second stint as a drill sergeant at Fort Jackson, she won the post's Drill Sergeant of the Year competition in 1983.

She then went to represent Fort Jackson in the Army Drill Sergeant of the Year contest.

"The best part of winning was that all female drill sergeants felt like they had won something," Grant said. "It was also a big deal in Columbia. All of the local news stations did a segment on me and the national media even covered it. Winning this recognition for women was an amazing feeling."

Jill Duffee, a training NCO and friend of Grant during her time as a drill sergeant, said it wasn't easy for women in the Army at that time.

"(Women) were treated a lot different all around back then. It was a boy's club and women were just coming into the regular army," Duffee said. "It took a lot for Grant to get where she got."

"There were not very many female drill sergeants at the time. Just a handful," she said. "But Grant was one of the best. She was very dedicated and loved her job."

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File photo

Galen Grant was a drill sergeant at Fort Jackson in the late 1970s and early 1980s. She was the first woman to win the post's Drill Sergeant of the Year title.

Grant

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Today's Drill Sergeant of the Year competitions, which are filled with hands-on events such as a road march in full battle rattle, reassembling an M16 or performing first aid, are nothing like they were in the early 80s.

"It is nothing like it is now," she said. "They took our records like PT and basic rifle marksmanship and sent us before a board of sergeants major. There was no obstacle course or any hands-on portions."

Grant, however, didn't get to where she was with a stereotypical tough-nosed drill sergeant attitude.

"I don't think you have to lead through intimidation. You can instill discipline and still have a good time doing it," she said. "Trainees want to have a sense of belonging and they want to be successful, and the drill sergeant has an obligation to help them achieve those goals."

Despite the long hours and challenging duties, Grant said she looks back fondly at her career as a drill sergeant.

"I would go home at 10:30 p.m. and go back at four in the morning," she said. "The hours were tough and you had to put your family and personal goals aside. But quite frankly I don't think there is a more



File photo

This undated photo shows Galen Grant instructing a Soldier in Basic Combat Training in the early 1980s. Grant served two tours of duty as a drill sergeant on Fort Jackson.

important job in the Army."

But being a drill sergeant was only part of Grant's Army career. Coming into the Army with a bachelor's degree, she pursued a master's degree in clinical psychology and eventually obtained a doctorate in psychology and came back to the Army as a captain and psychologist.

She retired from the Army in 1998 and was hired as a DOD civilian psychologist, where she specialized in suicide prevention and post-traumatic stress disorder.

"I did some really cool things helping Soldiers returning from active duty down-range," she said.

Grant later volunteered her time at Fort

Jackson with the 165th Infantry Brigade giving quarterly classes to drill sergeants and their spouses on how to survive drill sergeant duty.

She was also hired by the University of South Carolina to teach an Introduction to Psychology course for Soldiers at Fort Jackson's Warrior Transition Unit.



Photo by ROBERT TIMMONS

Pvt. Alex Kimball and his brother, Pfc. Allen, with Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, aim their weapons down range as they prepare to start training at the Omaha range, Sept. 29. The brothers, two-thirds of a set of triplets from Newport, Maine, are in the same basic training platoon. Their sister, Allie, is in college.

Train

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The brothers tried to talk their sister into joining, but she already had her education planned.

"She was already set up for college," their mother, Florence Kimball Robinson, said. "They wanted her to go, but she did a lot of extra work" getting ready for school. Allen was recently accepted into the University of Maine at Orono. Alex plans to continue his education but he's not sure where.

Allen always wanted to join the Army since he was a little kid, while Alex joined to find his calling in life.

"I had a plan" after high school, Alex said, "But then I changed my mind and I didn't want to do that anymore. I wasn't a 100 percent sure what I wanted to do, and I didn't want to go to college and just waste time or money."

Allen eventually talked him into joining with him.

"I always knew that Allen would do this since he was 5 years old," Florence said. "Alex didn't make up his mind right away. He never talked about it before he joined."

The Kimballs join the ranks with their step-brother, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Robinson, who has served in the Army for 16 years.

The brothers said they feel going through basic training together has been a godsend.

"You have these guys who have to start out from day

one learning everybody, meeting them, and getting to know them all – and to expect them to have your back from day one," Allen said. "While for us it's like having your best friend you've known your entire life – you know you can trust them; you know they will have your back no matter what.

"You don't have to second guess wondering what they are doing. You know what their strengths are, what their weaknesses are and they know what your strengths and weaknesses are. You can always compensate for each other when needed."

While at the Omaha buddy team assault course, one laid down covering fire as the other moved into position to provide cover as they leapfrogged up the course to attack an enemy position.

Home life vs. Army life

Their lives growing up were just like any others complete with sibling rivalries.

"It can be chaotic at times" being triplets," Allen said. "At times you get names mixed up. It would either be me and her fighting with him, or him and her fighting with me, it could be all three of us together or each of us doing our own thing. It changed almost daily – you never really knew which sibling you would get along with.

"It does have benefits too. If one us made friends and they came over then you'd meet them and get to know them. Most likely you would get to be friends with them too."

The brothers didn't spend much time together at home, but in training they see each other all the time.

"After coming here we hang out all the time," Allen

said, "so everyone thinks you must always be together."

While growing up at home the siblings had to fight to use the bathroom, it wasn't as bad as basic training where everyone is "bum rushing" the latrines in the morning.

The drill sergeants played with them, asking things like "Are you twins?" to which they would answer yes, but they learned to respond with playfully ribbing of their own.

"When asked which one are you, we would say, 'I'm the tall one,' or 'I'm the handsome one' instead of Allen or Alex," Alex said.

While Allen liked Victory Tower where he was able to overcome his fear of heights, Alex loved throwing hand grenades.

"At first I was little nervous about what was going to happen and the whole situation," he said. "But after throwing it, it really gets your adrenaline pumping, like 'oh cool, I blew something up.'"

Staff Sgt. Nathaniel VanScoy, their drill sergeant, said the brothers are good at helping each other become better Soldiers.

"They are pretty good at most of the training we do," he said. "They encourage each other pretty well and support each other in whatever we do."

When times were tough and one would feel like packing up and going home, the other would talk them down and help them get through it.

Their mother, while nervous as expected, said she was happy the boys are together.

"I love it," she said. "They have been great support for each other. They've never been alone. They've always been there for each other."



Photos by NICK SPINELLI, MEDDAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Young and old alike came out to participate in the Fort Jackson Breast Cancer Awareness 5K held at US ARMY Medical Activity Fort Jackson last Saturday.

Fort Jackson hosts 5K for breast cancer awareness

By **NICK SPINELLI**
MEDDAC Fort Jackson

More than 600 people came out to show their support for the Fort Jackson Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk last Saturday.

The event, which was coordinated by U.S. Army Medical Activity Fort Jackson, also included a mini-health fair with information on a variety of medical services available to the Fort Jackson community and annual flu shots for all attendees.

“We’re very happy with how this event turned out,” said Capt. Everline Atandi, the event organizer. “A lot of people came out to help us bring awareness to the truly important cause of breast cancer awareness.”

The event began with remarks from MEDDAC Commander, Col. Eric Edwards, who highlighted the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness.

“Death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1990, in part due to better screening and early detection, increased awareness, and continually improving treatment options,” he said. “As of this moment, there are over 2.8 million breast cancer survivors alive in the United States.”

One of those survivors is Linda Campbell, a retired MEDDAC employee, who attended the event to share her testimony and story of survival.

“I was healthy. I worked out, I ate well. I took care of myself,” she said. “I was doing everything right, but I wasn’t conducting self-exams. When I finally did, I found a lump.”

Campbell said she was quickly diagnosed with breast cancer and began treatment soon after. She is now a 27-year breast cancer survivor.

Before the run began, the Fort Jackson senior enlisted leader, Command Sgt. Maj. Lamont Christian, took the stage to thank everyone for participating. He said the event had special significance for him as his family has struggled in the fight against cancer.

Following the run, participants were encouraged to visit the various booths set up with information on mammograms, pharmacy, TRICARE Services, Relay Health, Performance Triad, and more. MEDDAC also officially opened its Flu Vaccination Clinic and provided shots to nearly 100 beneficiaries.

“I’m so grateful for the support of the medical command and the entire Fort Jackson community for making this a success,” Atandi said.



FACTS ABOUT BREAST CANCER

- One in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.
- Nearly 250,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 will die from the disease annually.
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women.
- On average, every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer and one woman will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes.
- An estimated 2,600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 440 will die each year.

Source: National Breast Cancer Foundation,
www.nationalbreastcancer.org